

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Richmond, November 10, 1862.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 84. }

I. The following Orders are published for the information and guidance of the army.

II. Whereas reliable information has been received, that Col. ——— LOWE, and Col. A. C. HARDING, 8th Illinois Regiment, U. S. Army, have been engaged in a series of wanton cruelties and depredations in Clarksville, Tennessee, and the surrounding counties, which in many instances have resulted in the arrest, incarceration and mal-treatment of non-combatants and peaceful citizens of the Confederate States, and in others in the unjustifiable destruction of private property, without compensation, and contrary to the rules and practice of civilized warfare: Therefore, it is ordered, that the aforesaid Col. ——— LOWE, and Col. A. C. HARDING, 8th Illinois Vols. U. S. A., be and they are hereby declared no longer entitled to be regarded as Soldiers, and that they have forfeited all claim to the benefits of the cartel existing between the governments of the Confederate States and the United States for the exchange of prisoners of war: and further, that in the event of their capture, they shall be kept in close confinement and treated as felons until otherwise ordered by the President of the Confederate States.

III. And whereas other officers of the U. S. Army, yet unknown to the Confederate government, are represented and believed to have participated in the wrongs and outrages before referred to: Therefore, it is also ordered, that the provisions of the first paragraph of this Order shall be applicable to any other officers of the Federal Army in the State of Tennessee, upon proof of their guilt deemed satisfactory by the commanding officer of the Department in which they may be captured and held.

IV. And whereas Major General JOHN POPE has been removed from the Federal Army operating in Virginia, and the obnoxious Order No. 11, of July 23d, 1862, issued by him, has been stated by the U. S. authorities to be inoperative and without effect: Therefore, it is ordered, that so much of General Orders, No. 54, of August 1, 1862, from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond, as applies to the said Major General JOHN POPE, and the officers serving under him in Virginia, be and is hereby rescinded.

By order.

S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Inspector General.